

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Council Vice-President Michael Blue; Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Jerry Donald, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Ragen Cherney, County Council Chief of Staff; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

**Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer**

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Workshop for Tuesday, January 25, 2022 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Amendments to Ch. 1-7 of the Frederick County Code - Electrical Ordinance**

Gary Hessong, Deputy Director, Planning & Permitting Division, and Ashlye Bonomo, Permitting Services Manager, Department of Permits & Inspection, Planning & Permitting Division, provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill - Amendments to Ch. 1-7 of the Frederick County Code - Electrical Ordinance.

**Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Update Certain Definitions Related to Agricultural Uses**

Mike Wilkins, Director, Department of Development Review and Planning, Planning & Permitting Division and Gary Hessong, Deputy Director, Planning, Planning & Permitting Division/Director, Permits & Inspections, Planning & Permitting Division, provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill - Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Update Certain Definitions Related to Agricultural Uses.

**Amendments to Ch. 1-6 of the Frederick County Code (Building Code) – Create a New Exception for, and to Define, a Farm Stand**

Mike Wilkins, Director, Department of Development Review and Planning, Planning & Permitting Division and Gary Hessong, Deputy Director, Planning, Planning & Permitting Division/Director, Permits & Inspections, Planning & Permitting Division, provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill - Amendments to Ch. 1-6 of the Frederick County Code (Building Code) – Create a New Exception for, and to Define, a Farm Stand.

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**Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Add a Critical Digital Infrastructure as a New Use**

Mike Wilkins, Director, Department of Development Review and Planning, Planning & Permitting Division and Kimberly Golden Brandt, Director, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division, provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill - Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Add a Critical Digital Infrastructure as a New Use.

**Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Revise and Clarify the Notification Requirements for Comprehensive Zonings and Rezonings**

Kimberly Golden Brandt, Director, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division, provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill - Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Revise and Clarify the Notification Requirements for Comprehensive Zonings and Rezonings.

The Council took a break from 7:27 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.

Upon reconvening President Keegan-Ayer re-established a quorum.

**2022 Maryland Department of Transportation Priority Letter**

Mark Mishler, Manager, Transportation Engineering, Planning & Permitting Division, presented information to the Council on the 2022 Maryland Department of Transportation Priority Letter.

Under unanimous consent the Council agreed to move the 2022 Maryland Transportation Priority forward to the Frederick County Delegation in Annapolis and the State of Maryland.

**FY 2022 Supplemental Budget for Frederick City's Economic Development Project (Downtown Hotel and Conference Center)**

Lori Depies, Chief Financial Officer, County Executive's Office; Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer, County Executive's Office; Mayor Michael O'Connor and City of Frederick presentation, presented information to the Council on the FY 2022 Supplemental Budget for Frederick City's Economic Development Project (Downtown Hotel and Conference Center).

The Council was scheduled to take action on this item at their next Legislative Day on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

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**Public Comment was heard from:**

- Sasha Zay

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

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M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President  
County Council